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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
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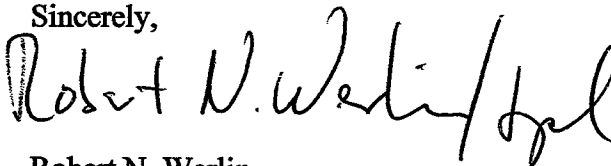
Re: Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 02-80A, Responses to
Information Requests

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the response of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric to the Information Requests set forth on the accompanying list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Werlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Werlin" being the most prominent parts.

Robert N. Werlin

Enclosures

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
Service List

Responses to Information Requests

Information Request DTE-4-3

Information Request DTE-4-4

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Information Request DTE-4-3

Please revise page 5 of Exhibit BEC-JFL-2 (Supp) to include corresponding figures for years 1998 through 2001.

Response

Please see Attachment DTE-4-3, which includes the corresponding figures for the years 1998 through 2001.

Wholesale Revenue Credit
\$ in Millions

| Line | Description | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total Wholesale Revenue | \$ 44,500 | \$ 61,143 | \$ 69,257 | \$ 75,923 | \$ 56,578 | \$ 18,736 | \$ 11,737 | \$ 7,872 | \$ - |
| 2 | Less: Wholesale Supply Cost | 32,900 | 41,199 | 55,568 | 68,869 | 48,859 | 13,441 | 10,993 | 5,836 | - |
| 3 | Demand Credit in Retail Distribution Rates | 29,500 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 |
| 4 | Net Wholesale Revenue Transition Cost | \$ 17,900 | \$ 15,456 | \$ 21,711 | \$ 28,346 | \$ 27,681 | \$ 30,105 | \$ 34,656 | \$ 33,364 | \$ 35,400 |

Notes: Line 1 1998 - 2000 Actual Revenues per D.T.E. 00-82, Exhibit BEC-BKR-2 (Settlement)
Line 1 2001 Actual Revenues per D.T.E. 01-78 Exhibit BEC-BKR-2 (Settlement)
Line 1 2002 Actual Revenues; 2003 thru 2006 per Company estimate per D.T.E. 02-80A, Exhibit BEC-JFL-2 (Supp)

Line 2 1998 - 2000 per D.T.E. 00-82, Exhibits BEC-RAP-1, 2, 3 (Supp 2)
Line 2 2001 per D.T.E. 01-78, Exhibit BEC-RAP-1 (Settlement)
Line 2 2002 per BEC-RAP-1 (Supp) P.2 line 11; 2003 per BEC-RAP-2 (Supp) P.2 line 11; 04 thru 06 est

Line 3 is \$35.4 million annually; 1998 reflects 10/12 (March through December).

Line 4 = (Line 2 + Line 3) - Line 1

Information Request DTE-4-4

Please describe with complete and detailed documentation all steps taken by the Company (post-retail access date) to mitigate any transition costs related to the wholesale customer supply agreements.

Response

The Company has mitigated any transition costs related to wholesale customer supply agreements by (1) maintaining the wholesale contract revenue stream and (2) minimizing the costs of supply for these contracts.

In general, the wholesale contracts were affected by Boston Edison's divestiture of its generating assets and its restructuring from a vertically integrated utility into a wires company. To address this issue Boston Edison and the wholesale customers modified the contracts to enable the contracts to continue to operate in a manner that was consistent with historical experience and with the parties' expectations at the time of entry into the contracts. The MASSPORT contract, which reflected a flat price for each kWh was the only wholesale contract that did not require such modification.

The Company has bundled the wholesale contract supply requirements with the Standard Offer Supply requirements, thereby achieving economies of scale in the procurement process and hence minimizing the costs of supply for these contracts.